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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/709,057	Applicant(s) CHOU ET AL. 	
	Examiner Julie A. Shallenberger	Art Unit 2875	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Drawing Objections

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(p)(5) because they fail to show reference numerals for lenses 212a, 212b, and 212c. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

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The examiner is unclear as to what the shape of the lens is. In paragraph 38, line 13, is the shape a "spherical lens" or a "cylindrical lens"? This needs to be clearly stated and shown in the drawings.

In paragraph 39, line 7 the referenced number --"208"-- should apparently be --308--.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

Claim 8 is objected to because of the following informalities:

Line 16 refers to "the uncovered portion" which lacks antecedent basis and should also be plural.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Myers (6,330,111) in view of Hayashi et al. (2004/0175562).

In regard to claim 1, Myers discloses a light source with LEDs 12 mounted on holder, a diffusion device 13, and supporting reflectors 10 positioned on each side of the holder and diffusion device (figure 4A & 4B) but lacks the teaching of fine particles

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within the transparent body of the diffusion device. In section [0047], Hayashi discloses a diffusion sheet 3 with transparent particles capable of scattering light.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine Myer's lighting display with Hayashi's diffusion device in order to obtain a clearer display image by better scattering the light.

In regard to claims 2, 6, and 7, Myers discloses reflective supporting elements 10, a holder which can be transparent or coated to be reflective (col. 5 lines 60-65), and red, green, and blue LED's (col. 6 line 34).

In regard to claims 3-5, Hayashi discloses in section [0047] the use of transparent particles which can be glass on a transparent substrate. Furthermore, it is known that each particle will have varying size and shape which will result in different refractivity rates.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine Myer's lighting display with Hayashi's diffusion device in order to further enhance the display image.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 8-19 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art fails to show or teach a backlight module with 3 LEDS having nonparallel optical axes converging toward the diffusion device with an attached reflector. Myers teaches a lighting element in figure 3 with multiple LEDs having nonparallel optical axes, but the optical axes diverge toward the diffusion device and the

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reflector is not attached to the diffusion device. Figure 4A teaches 3 LEDs with optical axes pointed toward the diffuser and a reflector, but the optical axes are parallel.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Julie A. Shallenberger whose telephone number is (571)272-7131. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 830-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Renee Luebke can be reached on 571-272-2009. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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